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SPECIAL MEETING OF DUTCH CABINET

London, Dec. 12, 4:52 p. m.—An Amsterdam despatch to the Times quotes the Maasbode as saying that, immediately it was known that David Lloyd-George had become British premier, a special meeting of the Dutch cabinet was held.

After this meeting the Maasbode says, telegrams were sent to all Dutch shipping agents in America, instructing them to reserve all available tonnage for government grain and cancel all arrangements for other freights.

ATTENTION, ELKS

DANCE IN LODGE HALL, WEDNESDAY, DEC. 13TH.



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BERLIN ANSWERS AMERICAN NOTE

Presents Situation in Belgium Before the Deportation Order Became Effective.

URGENT NEED OF WORK

Will Permit American Diplomatic Representatives to Visit Camps and Inspect Situation.

Berlin, Dec. 11, 5:30 p. m., via London, Dec. 12, 8:55 a. m.—Germany's answer to the American note regarding the deportation of Belgians is confined almost exclusively to a presentation of the situation in Belgium before the deportation order became effective. The note declares that there was urgent need of some kind of work for the Belgians because their idleness was causing demoralization, and says that the deported workers are assured of well-being in new situations in Germany.

The plan volunteers to permit American diplomatic representatives to visit the workmen's camps and assure themselves that the Belgians are well off. It concludes with an expression of regret that the United States has never seen fit to protest against what it describes as the dragging off of Germans from East Prussia, Alsace and other places to Siberia and elsewhere. These actions, of which it accuses the allies, are characterized in the reply as a severe violation of the laws of humanity.

United States Misinformed. The note declares that the German government is convinced that the United States has been misinformed in regard to the measures which have been taken and says that the lack of work has increased until 1,250,000 are suffering and an unbearable situation is created. Nothing remained before the note continues, but to offer the workless situations in Germany since work for all was not at hand in Belgium. It is contended that the majority of these who have come to Germany are happy and contented, with high wages and increased personal liberties and that only those who prefer to loaf have been compelled to work.

Cites International Law. The answer declares that the measure is entirely in accord with international law and cites Article 43 of The Hague convention which requires an invading government to maintain order. This, it is maintained, is possible only in Belgium by providing that people who are able to work, shall have opportunity to do so and shall not fall a burden on charity. The note says that the measure has been carried out without severity and with all possible consideration. Mistakes, it asserts, have rarely occurred and have been due in part to the fact that Belgians themselves erred in making up the lists of those to be transported to Germany by including persons unaffected by Governor-General Bising's order of May 15, 1915.

Belgians Do Permissible Work. The note goes on to say that Belgians now working in Germany are engaged without exception, in occupations permissible under international law, such as legitimate agricultural and industrial pursuits and that the German government regrets extremely that the situation has been completely misrepresented in the United States by "the lying press of Germany's enemies." The German government, it is declared, in the interest of the Belgian population, would also regret if the activities of the Belgian relief commission were affected.

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AMERICAN MILLS TO HANDLE CROP

Great Cotton Output Will Be Converted Into Finished Product in U. S.

ANNUAL VALUE LARGE

Present Yield of South If Sold Would Bring Growers \$1,250,000,000.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 12.—Practically the whole of the great American cotton crop will be converted into the finished fabric in American mills twenty years from now the present annual ratio of increase continues, declared Col. Harvie Jordan, president of the Southern Cotton Growers' association, today in an address before the Southern Commercial congress. If this prediction should be fulfilled, he said, the ultimate annual value of each crop would reach the enormous total of \$5,000,000,000.

"The south now occupies the leading position in cotton mill consumption throughout the world," said Col. Jordan. "It consumes annually more lint cotton than all of the textile mills of Great Britain, more than all those of New England and the balance of the United States combined and more than all the combined countries of Europe." A few years ago, he asserted, 75 per cent of the raw cotton had to be exported while now foreign mills under peace conditions could not expect more than 50 per cent.

Pointing out that it was the country or section which manufactures the raw material into the finished fabric that secures the maximum of value from such product, Col. Jordan declared that the present medium yield of the south's cotton crop, sold for its full value for the first time since the civil war, would bring growers \$1,250,000,000. He said present high prices of the staple was due largely to the Federal reserve banking system and the cotton futures law.

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MEXICANS FIX ALL SALARIES

Trying to Regulate Economic Situation—New Decrees in Effect December 15.

Queretaro, Mexico, Dec. 12.—A decree made public today provides that the salaries of all employees shall be on the basis of Mexican gold at the rate paid, according to the employment in 1912. This modifies the October decree, a modification considered necessary on account of the economic situation and for the protection of the working classes. Another decree fixes the assessments on all cattle over one year old at seventy pesos, Mexican gold, and on rubber producing plants at ten cents, Mexican gold, a kilo. This decree takes effect December 15.

It is understood that the cabinet has decided to leave to each minister the task of framing decrees in his department for the purpose of regulating the economic situation.

Denison, Texas, has a new labor weekly paper owned by union men.

ARMY TRANSPORT HARD AGROUND

U. S. Troop Ship Sumner Goes Ashore Off Barnegat, New Jersey.

VESSEL POUNDING ROCKS

Coast Guard Cutters Are Rushing to Relief Under Forced Draught.

New York, Dec. 12.—The United States army transport Sumner, bound from Colon to this port with army officers, troops and civilian passengers, is hard aground on the New Jersey coast off Barnegat. Two coast guard cutters under forced draught are rushing to the relief of the transport, which sent out calls for help after she struck late last night.

The Sumner, which was off the eastern end of Long Island when directed to go to the aid of the Sumner, reported that she would probably reach Barnegat about noon today. At 2:30 this morning the Mohawk, which was at anchor off Staten island, left for the scene and it is believed she will reach there before the Sumner.

The Sumner, which left Colon on December 4, was previously reported at noon on Sunday as being 407 miles south of Sandy Hook. The next heard was the wireless call last night stating she had gone aground during a heavy fog. The transport's normal complement is 11 officers and a crew of 118, but she has been carrying many soldiers stationed at Panama, to and from the isthmus. The last time she reached this port she carried 195 passengers.

Wireless Calls Help. A wireless dispatch received here from the Sumner at 7 o'clock this morning stated that the vessel was beginning to pound with the rising tide. The sea, however, was smooth and a light northwest wind blowing. The situation was considered favorable. The dispatch reads:

"Rain at present. Sea smooth. Light ground swell. Wind light, northwest, thick fog. Ship beginning to pound as tide is making up. Boat from life-saving station standing by to pass lines to coast guard cutters Seneca and Mohawk."

A wireless message from Captain Webster to Colonel John M. Carson, depot quartermaster here for the army transport service, said the women and children passengers on the transport Sumner were being landed about 9 o'clock at Barnegat by means of life boats.

Norwegian Steamer Sunk.

London, Dec. 12, 11:15 a. m.—Lloyd's announces that the Norwegian steamer Agder is reported sunk. The Agder is a vessel of 304 tons gross. Her recent movements have not been reported.

BUD BRIGHT'S BRAINSTORMS



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Again Tomorrow

This list of attractions will be in effect until tomorrow night. If you have not already done so, read it now and make a list of those items you want. These attractions are made with the express purpose of creating early business. There's a saving in every case. The special process on this list will close tomorrow night.

December Sale of Furs Begins

Yesterday was the opening day of the December Sale of Furs. It is evident from yesterday's selling that many furs will be given at X'mas time. A good many men were among the buyers yesterday. The sale continues until X'mas eve. Selections may be made now—while stocks are complete—and payment made later—2nd floor.

Pillow Cases

Envelope pillow cases, made of the best quality soft finished muslin, embroidered in pink, blue and white; \$2 value. Monday and Tuesday, 15c. Art Dept.

Military Brushes

Men's military brushes, made to wear; with solid back and hand-drawn pig bristles; the best you can buy; \$2 value. Monday and Tuesday, 15c. Drug Dept.

Pearl Ear Rings

Here's a new ear ring which is very popular; fastens to the ear with a spring—no holes needed; large and small sizes; 75c value. Monday and Tuesday, 50c. Glove Dept.

Boxed Stationery

Boxed stationery, Newport cambric quality, 24 sheets paper, 24 envelopes; put up in a nice blue box; 35c value. Monday and Tuesday, 25c. Stationery.

Popular Novels

A great list of titles in the popular novels. These are the reprints from the usual \$1.25 books and are selling elsewhere at 50c. Special. Monday and Tuesday, 35c. Stationery.

Framed Pictures

Assortment of framed pictures, hand tinted, slightly damaged; regular 29c. Special, each. Monday and Tuesday, 29c. Basement.

Baking Dishes

Juicyware baking dish and tray; best fireproof ware, assortment of decorations; regular \$1.98 complete. Special. Monday and Tuesday, \$1.48. Basement.

Cut Glass Goblet

Cut glass goblets, cut in grape design; regular \$1.74 set of 6. Special, set. Monday and Tuesday, 98c. Basement.

Smoking Set

Smoking tray, made of bronze metal, with match holder and ash tray; regular 88c. Special. Monday and Tuesday, 48c. Basement.

Salt and Pepper

Cut glass salt and pepper shaker; regular 78c. Special. Monday and Tuesday, 43c. Basement.

New Game

Tomorrow we offer a new game, "Little Boy Blue," at special price. This is a handsome box 12x12 inches. Will interest young and old. Special. Monday and Tuesday, 5c. Third Floor.

Tool Box

Handsome hardwood toy tool box, fully fitted with tools; the size is 12x6x4 inches, well finished; the usual \$1. Special. Monday and Tuesday, 68c. Third Floor.

Automobile

75c friction toy auto, with driver; runs alone on friction wheel; is 9 inches long and very handsomely finished. Monday and Tuesday, 42c. Third Floor.

Wood Builder

This mechanical builder will interest boys of all ages. Can build a world of different articles with it. The new 50c size. Monday and Tuesday, 38c. Third Floor.

Windor Ties

Fancy Windsor ties in all colors, striped effects, nice size; regular 30c value. Special, each. Monday and Tuesday, 19c. West Aisle.

Barking Dogs

Here's a wool dog which barks a little white and brown pup; is 6 inches high and 2 1/2 inches long; a regular 25c toy. Monday and Tuesday, 15c. Third Floor.

Turn Table

A regular turn table for toy trains; runs on a spring with trips as the train passes; the usual 85c kind. Monday and Tuesday, 49c. Third Floor.

Niris Corset

A fall model, made in white and flesh colored batiste, elastic gored in front of skirt, 4 good hose supporters; regular price, \$1.75. On sale. Monday and Tuesday, \$1.00. Second Floor.

Brassieres

A dainty gift for the dainty lady. The body is made of fine silk, trimmed top and bottom with wide bands of lace; a dainty sachet bag with it; regular price, \$1.50. On sale. Monday and Tuesday, \$1.00. Second Floor.

Fancy Towels

\$1.25 fancy Turkish towels, size 28x50; made of fine mercerized toweling with fancy brocaded border; for combing \$1.10 jackets, etc. Domestic. Monday and Tuesday, 75c. Domestic.

Fancy Towels

40c fancy Turkish towels with colored borders, in yellow, pink and blue, for tating, crocheting, etc., for holiday gifts. Each. Domestic. Monday and Tuesday, 29c. Domestic.

Fancy Towels

98c fancy Turkish towels, with fancy colored borders—all colors, yellow, pink, blue, etc. Domestic. Monday and Tuesday, 75c. Domestic.

Linen Towels

50c linen towels, pure linen; size 18x27, hemstitched. Special, each. Domestic. Monday and Tuesday, 43c. Domestic.

Guest Towels

80c fancy linen guest towels, embroidered; size 18x22; for gifts, etc. Domestic. Monday and Tuesday, 63c. Domestic.

Xmas Handkerchiefs

Ladies' Christmas box handkerchiefs with six neatly embroidered handkerchiefs in each box; fine quality; regular values, 60c box. Special, box. Monday and Tuesday, 45c. West Aisle.

Child's Handkerchiefs

Child's Christmas box handkerchiefs with dainty colored borders, 2 in each box; values, 12c box. Special, box. Monday and Tuesday, 10c. West Aisle.

Fancy Ribbons

A new lot of fancy ribbons, 5 inches wide, in all colors and new designs; 30c values. Special, yard. Monday and Tuesday, 18c. West Aisle.

Boudoir Caps

New boudoir caps, in all colors and new styles, trimmed with fine laces; 60c values. Special, each. Monday and Tuesday, 49c. West Aisle.

Ladies' Sweaters

Ladies' wool sweaters, red or gray; \$3.00. Monday and Tuesday, \$1.95. Second Floor.

Silk Shirts

Men's new silk shirts for gifts. These are in plain colors and are made of a good quality of shirt silk. The usual \$3.50 values. Monday and Tuesday, \$2.65. Men's Store.

Chinese Dolls

45c Chinese dolls, 10 inches tall; has artificial hair, and dressed in the oriental robes. Monday and Tuesday, 29c. Third Floor.

Black Board

25c black board with the revolving chart, hardwood frame, 14x18 inches. Special. Monday and Tuesday, 12c. Third Floor.

Artificial Flowers

Artificial flowers, planted in moss in an embossed wicker basket. Special. Monday and Tuesday, 24c. Third Floor.

Crokinole

35c game of crokinole, in a large attractive box—a game that will interest the old and young. Monday and Tuesday, 19c. Third Floor.

Men's Caps

Men's caps with heavy lining and ear protectors, high crown, in corduroy, plush or cloth fabric; usual 75c values. Monday and Tuesday, 49c. Men's Basement.

Canvas Gloves

Men's canvas gloves in the gauntlet style; heavy canvas with the cravatette facing; usual 10c values. Monday and Tuesday, 5c. Men's Basement.

Men's Shirts

Men's flannel shirts of an excellent wool mixture; in dark blue or gray, with the military or plain collars; usual \$1.25 values. Monday and Tuesday, \$1.00. Men's Basement.

Boys' Pajamas

Boys' pajamas of a good quality of outing flannel, in the lavender or blue stripes; usual 75c values. Monday and Tuesday, 49c. Men's Basement.

Men's Odd Pants

Men's odd pants of a heavy cotton, in hard finish; in dark gray or brown; usual \$2.50 value. Monday and Tuesday, \$2.00. Men's Basement.

Chiffon Waists

Ladies' chiffon waists; colors, navy, Burgundy plum, brown, and black. \$6.90 values. Monday and Tuesday, \$4.75. Second Floor.

Bath Robes

Ladies' bath robes, sizes 36 to 42; colors, navy, red, rose, Copen, and gray; \$2.25 values. Monday and Tuesday, \$1.49. Second Floor.

Fancy Aprons

Ladies' white aprons, fancy lace or embroidery trimmed; 29c value for. Monday and Tuesday, 19c. Second Floor.

Cap and Scarf

Ladies' and misses' cap and scarf sets; colors, rose, Copen, stripe combinations; \$2.29 value. Monday and Tuesday, \$1.98. Second Floor.

Ladies' Sweaters

Ladies' wool sweaters, red or gray; \$3.00. Monday and Tuesday, \$1.95. Second Floor.

Boys' Shoes

Boys' shoes, sizes 2 1/2 to 5. They have good heavy upper and soles, in lace style; regular \$1.98. On sale. Monday and Tuesday, \$1.75. Shoe Basement.

Child's Shoes

Child's shoes, sizes 1 1/2 to 11, in button style with calf uppers and heavy sole, for school wear; regular \$1.75. On sale. Monday and Tuesday, \$1.48. Shoe Basement.

Women's Shoes

Ladies' shoes, sizes 2 1/2 to 7, in lace style with cloth tops and patent vamps; regular \$3.00. On sale. Monday and Tuesday, \$2.48. Shoe Basement.

Men's Slippers

Men's house slippers, all sizes, in felt style, with good leather soles; regular \$1.25. On sale. Monday and Tuesday, 98c. Men's Basement.

Men's Overshoes

Men's overshoes, sizes 6 to 11. They have the rolled edge and good felt uppers; regular \$1.50. On sale. Monday and Tuesday, \$1.25. Men's Basement.

Dresser Scarfs

75c hemstitched, all-linen scarfs, 18x54, good quality linen; to be embroidered. To close out, each. Monday and Tuesday, 50c. North Aisle.

Dresser Scarfs

75c hemstitched, drawn work scarfs, 18x54 inches; beautiful, embroidered designs; splendid for Christmas gifts. Each. Monday and Tuesday, 48c. North Aisle.

Tea Cloths

\$2.50 pure linen, hemstitched tea cloths, 36x36, with cluny lace center. Just a few to close out at each. Monday and Tuesday, \$1.50. North Aisle.

Fancy Pillow Cases

\$7.50 pure linen embroidered pillow cases, 45x36, handsome quality of linen, beautiful designs. Per pair. Monday and Tuesday, \$4.00. North Aisle.

Luncheon Sets

13-piece luncheon set, consisting of 1 centerpiece 24 in., 6 dollies 9 in., and 6 dollies 7 in.; lace edge, with bluebird design. Sign. Set for. Monday and Tuesday, \$2.98. North Aisle.

Men's Silk Shirts